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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

PENGTAO ZOU,

Petitioner,

v.

JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 03-70419

Agency Nos. A75-719-287
A75-719-287

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted August 25, 2004**
San Francisco, California

Before: SCHROEDER, Chief Judge, GOODWIN, and TASHIMA, Circuit
Judges.

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** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2)(C).

Pengtao Zou, a native and citizen of the People's Republic of China, petitions for review of the streamlined decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals, which affirmed the decision of the Immigration Judge (IJ) denying petitioner's claims for asylum and withholding of removal.¹ We deny the petition.

Even assuming that Zou's testimony was credible, upon a review of the entire record, we conclude that substantial evidence supports the IJ's findings of no past persecution and that Zou failed to establish a well-founded fear of future persecution. While Zou's arguments to the contrary carry some force, "the record does not compel us to reach a conclusion different from the IJ's." *See Halaim v. INS*, 358 F.3d 1128, 1132 (9th Cir. 2004).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.

¹ We do not recite the facts and prior proceedings with which the parties are familiar.